

## ARIZONA LUXURY TAX NOTICE LTN 17-02

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Expanded Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements for Tobacco Tax and Regulation

Effective August 9, 2017

Recently passed legislation expands the electronic filing and payment requirements for purposes of tobacco tax and regulation.

Beginning on August 9, 2017, licensed tobacco distributors are required to electronically submit all documents required under Title 42, Chapter 3 to the Arizona Department of Revenue ("Department") through Arizona Luxury Tax Online ("ALTO") available at <a href="https://luxury.aztaxes.gov">https://luxury.aztaxes.gov</a>. Documents include but are not limited to monthly tax returns and reports, license applications and renewals, refund and rebate requests, and cigarette stamp orders. The Department may not consider applications or requests that do not comply with this requirement. Failure to electronically file any required report, return or document by the statutory deadline may result in the assessment of penalties.

Additionally, the payment of tobacco taxes, license application fees, and cigarette stamp orders must be made by electronic funds transfer ("EFT"). Failure to make a timely payment by EFT may result in the assessment of penalties.

Changes to Arizona Revised Statute § 42-3462(B) will require any person who ships, sells or transfers cigarettes or roll-your-own tobacco into Arizona to electronically file a report with the Department through ALTO. The Department may consider reports filed pursuant to the federal Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act ("PACT Act") as satisfaction of this statutory requirement when filed electronically. Compliance with the statute and the federal PACT Act reporting requirement can be achieved by registering for access to ALTO and filing the required report electronically. The report must be filed by the tenth day of the month following any shipment, sale or transfer of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco into Arizona. Failure to timely comply with the statute may result in the assessment of penalties.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Tobacco Tax Unit at (602) 716-7808.

Explanatory Notice: The purpose of a tax notice is to provide general guidance to assist taxpayers in becoming familiar with Arizona tax laws. Relevant statutes, case law or administrative rules, as well as a subsequent notice, may modify or negate any or all of the provisions of any tax notice. In the case of inconsistency or omission in this notice, the language of the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code will prevail. Please see General Tax Ruling ("GTR") 08-1 for more detailed information regarding documents issued by the Department of Revenue. GTR 08-1 is available online on the Department's website https://www.azdor.gov/LegalResearch/Rulings.aspx.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Department's acceptance of an electronic report filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 42-3462(B) does not preclude any other state or federal agency authorized to receive reports pursuant to the federal PACT Act from requiring additional information.